

WILL TAKE
PUNISHMENTBank Looter Coleman Plead
Guilty Today

SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

He Was Arraigned for Misappropriation
of Funds of National City Bank
of Cambridge, Mass.—Keller
Next.

Boston, May 18.—George W. Coleman, who was indicted for looting the National City bank of Cambridge to the extent of nearly \$300,000, pleaded guilty to seventy-eight counts before Judge Hale in the United States circuit court today. The charge was misappropriation of the bank funds.

After receiving Coleman's plea of guilty, Judge Hale sentenced the young man to fifteen years in the house of correction at Greenfield, Mass. Coleman was indicted at a special session of the federal grand jury. William J. Keller was also indicted on the charge of aiding and abetting Coleman. He will be tried soon.

NOT NEGLIGENT

Says Chapin About Massachusetts Bank-
ing Department

Boston, May 18.—Replying to the criticism of the state banking department contained in the reports made public Monday night of the legislative committee, which has been investigating the looting of the Southbridge Savings bank, Bank Commissioner Arthur B. Chapin last night gave out a statement, in which he said that the department had not been negligent. He said that he favored the committee's suggestions for a strengthening of the department.

"While I have the greatest respect," said Mr. Chapin, "for the members of the Southbridge bank investigating committee of the legislature and their report, I do not consider that the banking department has been negligent. The law never contemplated that the department should audit the books of the banks, nor has any appropriation ever been provided for such a purpose."

"Last year, Pierre Jay, then bank commissioner, instructed his examiners to take the trial balance of the depositors' ledger in the smaller banks, and in my first recommendation to the legislature of this year I suggested that the banks pay all the expenses of the department, with the idea that the work might be more extended. It is well to bear in mind the great safety of Massachusetts savings banks, and the able men throughout the commonwealth who give their time and judgment without pay, as trustees, and the fact that the losses in the past hundred years have been exceedingly small—about one cent every five years for every thousand dollars."

"I am in favor of the suggestions made by the committee for strengthening the department, but it must be borne in mind that the department is not a police force, and the weakness of the system, and not the negligence of those who are attempting to carry out the present law."

VICE PRESIDENT DEFENDS
TAFT ENTHUSIASTICALLYEx-President Roosevelt Shown to Less
Advantage Than Taft by Compari-
son—Congressional Campaign
Opened To-day.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 18.—Enthusiastically defending President Taft, to whom he referred as a "president who does not try to deceive people," and commending the Payne Aldrich tariff law, which he claims has been misrepresented and lied about, Vice President Sherman opened the congressional campaign here today. The vice president compared President Taft, by inference with ex-President Roosevelt, to the advantage of Taft, insisting that all the statements made by the latter are "sure to be authoritative and official." The election of a Democratic president would mean the repudiation of the Aldrich tariff law, but of the Republican policy of protection.

SHIP IN FLAMES, SINKS.

One Seaman Injured in Explosion on a
Vessel Carrying Gasoline Cargo.

Provincetown, Mass., May 18.—With flames belching from all her parts, following an explosion of gasoline, in which a seaman was badly burned, the schooner Estelle Noonan yesterday sank in the harbor while an attempt was being made by the Wood End life-saving crew to launch her. The vessel will be a complete loss, the damage being estimated at about \$2,000.

The Noonan had just finished discharging 400 gallons of gasoline into a tank vessel in the harbor, and the crew were a man named Seaver had gone ashore when the explosion occurred.

After searching for over a year for a young man who saved her valuable trunk from the flames of the Fox Village hotel fire at Lake George last year, a New York woman found him last week in the person of Robert Watkins of Rutland. He received a gold piece as his reward. His identity and address were learned through a Troy, N. Y., man, who assisted in carrying the trunk to a place of safety.

James Bolio, aged 15 years, of Monkton, has been sentenced to the state reformatory school at Vergennes during the remainder of his minority, for a criminal assault on seven-year-old Ruth Beers.

VICTIM KEPT MUM

Refused to Tell Who Shot Him Twice
in Stomach.

New York, May 18.—The "gopher gang," a worst side organization, succeeded in "getting" George J. Gallagher, otherwise known as "Zowburg George," yesterday, the police believe. Gallagher, known as a member of the gang, was taken in a dying condition to the New York hospital with two bullet wounds in his stomach. Although he was conscious, he refused to say who shot him, but the police declare their belief that the shooting was an outcome of one of the numerous feuds in gopher circles which frequently develop deadly assaults and murders. There is known to have been internal trouble in the "gopher gang" recently.

No outsiders are known to have witnessed the shooting. Gallagher was seen yesterday morning on his way to his home in West 17th street, escorted by a man. Gallagher reached home and was found by his family to be seriously wounded. When medical aid was summoned policemen went to the man's room. Gallagher declined to say a word about the shooting and when a friend started to explain to the police, Gallagher made him stop, declaring that he would not say anything.

Following recent troubles in the ranks of the "gophers" Gallagher was shot at four times about a month ago on Tenth avenue. Policemen appeared on the scene before he got away and although he admitted that he knew who fired the shots he would not tell, saying that he would fight his own battles.

PIECES OF BODIES
THROWN ALL ABOUTBetween 20 and 30 People Killed by
a Terrible Explosion yester-
day at Canton, Ohio.

Canton, O., May 18.—With a roar that was heard three miles away a battery of seven boilers at the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company exploded yesterday afternoon, killing from twenty to thirty men, and injuring about fifty. Among the injured are a half dozen who, it is said, will probably die before morning. Others, physicians say, cannot live.

"The cause of the explosion is at present unknown. The firemen and engineers, who were in the boiler room, are dead. No one else about the plant who survived the accident can give an explanation. One workman says that he heard three distinct explosions in quick succession. They came so close, however, that it was all over in a minute."

The force of the concussion was terrific. The big plant is in such a state of ruin as to be practically a total loss. A mere egg shell of the building is left.

Identification of the men was difficult because many of them were so mutilated that even the most intimate friends could not recognize the features.

Remains were blown from several bodies. A few were seen from trunks. Fragments of bodies were blown several feet from the scene, and bits of human flesh have been picked up on porches and roofs of houses and in trees.

There were 100 men at labor in the plant at the time of the accident, and only a dozen or so escaped some injury. These and others who rushed to the scene as soon as the disaster was known, worked heroically to rescue the injured from the ruins. The ruins took fire, but the fire department extinguished the flames.

The body of one man, unknown, was blown through a boiler cover seven hundred feet from the plant. The torso of another man was found in the garden of a yard about five hundred feet west of the scene. Arms, legs and parts of bodies were strewn about the neighborhood.

The bodies of seven men, mutilated beyond recognition, were found in the north end of the mill.

The plant had five mills. All the employees working at mills 1, 2, 3, and 4 were either killed or injured, while the men in mill No. 5, farthest from the boilers, escaped serious injury.

TREMENDOUS THROG
VIEW EDWARD'S BODYAt Four O'clock This Afternoon (British
Time), 130,000 Had Passed Before
It and 100,000 Were
Waiting.

London, May 18.—At four o'clock this afternoon, 130,000 people had viewed the body of King Edward in Westminster hall, and 100,000 were waiting in a line which extended to Battersea bridge, some ten miles distant. Hundreds had waited all night to keep their places in line. Queen Alexandra broke down on seeing these evidences of the people's love for Edward.

The doors of Westminster hall had been first thrown open yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, at which time 50,000 people were in line waiting for admission. They were employed mostly of the middle and working classes, men, women and children, and the great majority of them were dressed in black. From four o'clock a steady stream kept passing through the hall, at the rate of 4,000 an hour. When the doors closed at ten o'clock last night, the line extended for nearly two miles through the streets.

King Alfonso of Spain and King George of Greece arrived in London last evening. Both were met at the station by King George, the duke of Cornwall, the duke of Connaught and other royal personages. Prince Henry of Prussia also reached here last night to represent the German navy at the funeral. He was met by the duke of Connaught.

GUILTY OF WATERING MILK.

White Cross Milk Company Will Appeal
to Supreme Court.

Boston, May 18.—The Boston White Cross Milk company was found guilty of having in its possession for purposes of selling milk to which water had been added. The verdict was found yesterday by a jury in the superior criminal court before Judge Wait. The company was indicted in the July sitting of the grand jury. It will take the case to the supreme court.

COMET MAKES
MEN AFRAIDThousands Quit Work Today
in Corl Region

WOULD NOT ENTER MINES

At 11:30 To-night, the Earth Will Enter
the Tail of the Comet, But Sci-
entists Say That We Shall
Not Appreciate Fact.

COMET FACTS.

Earth enters tail at 11:30 to-night. Thickness, million miles. Length, 20,000,000 miles. From earth to comet's head, 14,000,000 miles. Relative velocity of earth and comet, fifty miles a second. What we may expect to see: Western sky aglow, possible meteoric displays. Next glimpse of comet Thursday or Friday at dusk, low in west. Tail consists of one molecule solid or gaseous matter to cubic yard. Earth will encounter fifty trillion cubic miles of tail. Weight of this part of tail estimated at half an ounce.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 18.—Thousands of miners in the anthracite region refused to enter the mines today, determined in the event of destruction from the comet to die beside their wives and children.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Although the earth's inhabitants will not know that they are passing through the tail of a comet, neither seeing it nor suffering any injurious results therefrom, beginning to-night about eleven o'clock and for four or five hours thereafter they will be in the midst of the tail of Halley's comet.

This estimate was given last night by Prof. Asaph Hall of the naval observatory here. It is possible, he said, that there will be some meteoric showers, although he doubted it. His nearest approach to the earth having been made today, the celestial wanderer, which comes this way but once every three quarters of a century or so, will begin to recede. On Thursday, it is doubtful, according to Professor Hall, if anybody will be able to see the comet, but on Friday night, if the weather is favorable, it should make a good showing.

Alexandria, Va., May 18.—Halley's comet is doing more in Alexandria and the surrounding country in Virginia for the church than all the revivals and camp meetings have done for years past. The superstitious ones see nothing but dark forebodings in the comet's approach. Never before in the annals of the colored churches in this part of Virginia have so many new members got the religion. Neither Garretts nor Lee cared to remember the award, other than to say the sundown spoke for themselves as a victory for the men.

The Baltimore & Ohio rate has been made the basis of settlement in all railroad wage disputes so far adjusted.

New Orleans, La., May 18.—As a result of the appearance in the sky yesterday of a large multicolored circle around the sun, consternation was created among the negroes at work in the fields in Louisiana and Mississippi. The negroes stopped work and fell to crying and praying.

Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—A sect of 300 people living in the hills outside of Atlanta barricaded themselves in a cave today praying because of the comet. The worrying has spread to the federal prison, where there was a class of convicts.

FAILS IN DAYLIGHT VIEW

Prof. Todd Unable to Make Observation
After Dawn.

Amherst, Mass., May 18.—Prof. Todd, the Amherst college astronomer, watched all day yesterday in a vain attempt to get a mid-day glimpse of Halley's comet, but the celestial wanderer remained in obscurity.

Prof. Todd said that his observation of the comet yesterday morning showed a tail that was measured up to 80 degrees in length, and supposedly exceeded that figure. The nucleus could not be observed to advantage yesterday, inasmuch as the sun rose so soon after the comet that the visitor disappeared in the breaking dawn.

Prof. Todd expects that if weather conditions are favorable, Halley's comet will present a splendid sight in the western sky after it has made the transit across the face of the sun. He said that the nucleus might not be as bright as had been expected, but that its tail will sweep the heavens. In brilliancy it may not be greatly superior to the comet which paid a surprise visit to the earth's vicinity in January, and which is known to astronomers as Alpha 1910, but in magnitude it will be much greater, and will have a shape that puts it in a class by itself.

VIGOROUS PROTESTS.

Made by Minority Stockholders of the
United States Rubber Company.

New York, May 18.—At the annual meeting of the United States Rubber company in New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday, vigorous protest was made by a group of shareholders against the recent purchase of the Revere Rubber company of Boston by a syndicate of United States Rubber company directors. It was charged by the opposition that large profits would accrue to the syndicate from the taking over of the Revere company, but this was denied by President Coff.

So strong was the opposition, however, that after much discussion several amendments to the by-laws dealing with future issues of stocks and bonds were revised to meet the demands of the minority interests.

MEAD CLUB FORMED.

About 500 People Attended Organization
in Rutland.

Rutland, May 18.—The John A. Mead club was organized at Baxter hall last evening, about five hundred voters being in attendance. The purpose of the club is to forward the interests of Lieut. Governor Mead of this city, who is candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Vermont.

Mead was furnished by the Rutland City band. Mr. Mead addressed them at length, stating among other things that if elected he intended to have several advisers with whom all times during the session of the legislature, principally among whom will be Senator J. L. Lewis, who is acting as campaign manager.

Officers were elected as follows: Mayor H. O. Carpenter, president; M. E. Wheeler, J. N. Woodin, G. S. Bailey, J. E. Dunn, George H. Baker, D. C. McArthur, W. E. Aldrich, H. C. Parry, C. H. Landon, J. H. Frenier, W. B. Mills, T. C. Robbins, vice presidents; H. F. Noyes, William Lombard, F. D. White, W. R. Kinsman, R. A. Lawrence and W. M. Ross, executive committee; W. A. Clark, secretary; Fred A. Field, treasurer.

75 GRANITE CUTTERS
OUT ON STRIKETheir Act May Shut Down Quarries at
Ellsworth, Maine, Where Several
Hundred Men Are
Employed.

Ellsworth, Me., May 18.—The throwing out of work of several hundred quarriesmen is threatened as a result of the strike yesterday at the South Brooksville quarries of 75 granite cutters. They demand only the reinstatement of two of their number who have been discharged, and maintain they will stay out until the discharged men are again at work.

VICTORY FOR MEN

In Report Concerning the Baltimore
and Ohio Trouble.

New York, May 18.—The wage question on all the Vanderbilt lines has been settled. Announcement was made in New York last night that the so-called Baltimore & Ohio rate had been awarded to the trainmen and conductors on the Big Four, the Lake Erie & Western and the Chicago, Indiana & Southern. Similar adjustment had always been made on the New York Central proper between the city and Buffalo, and on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central west of Buffalo.

A. B. Garretts and W. C. Lee, presidents respectively of the conductors and the trainmen's orders, announced the latest decision last night, having been apprised of it by mail from Washington, where the arbitrators, P. H. Morrisey and E. E. Clark, had been deliberating. Neither Garretts nor Lee cared to remember the award, other than to say the sundown spoke for themselves as a victory for the men.

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BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA,
AWAITS BOMBARDMENT

Will Probably Be Stormed Before Night.

Estrada Refuses to Surrender Prepa-
rations Completed for Conflict.

Orders Concerning Americans.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Bluefields, Nicaragua, is awaiting bombardment. Consul Moffatt reports today, however, that Bluefields, which is the final stronghold of the insurgents, will probably be stormed by General Iria of the Madriz forces before night. He states that the Venus is commanded by Iria and has heavy guns aboard off the city. Estrada refused to surrender. Commander Gilmore of the gunboat, Paduch has warned both sides not to interfere with Americans, foreigners nor non-combatants.

GIRL AT WINDOW SHOT.

Saco Men, Who Had Practised Revolver
Firing, Arrested.

Saco, Me., May 18.—Sitting at a window in her home last night, 15-year-old Ernestine Townsend was shot by a bullet which caused her death 15 minutes later.

The police arrested six Albanians employed in a nearby brickyard who, it is alleged, have been in the habit of practising with a revolver evenings. No hearing yet been made against the men, but they will be brought into court and probably held until after the autopsy and inquest.

BOY HIT IN HEAD BY SHOT.

7-Year-Old Edward Conroy Injured at
Charlesbank Athletic Meet.

Boston, May 17.—During the progress of the Mechanic Arts high school interclass track meet at the Charlesbank gymnasium yesterday, Edward L. Conroy, 7 years old, living at 357 Charles street, was struck in the head with a 12-pound shot. The weight was tossed by Denis Scannell, young Conroy was running around in the vicinity where the event was being held when he was struck. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, where he was placed on the dangerous list.

PEACE CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

Albert Smiley Its Founder, Presides and
Three Hundred Are Attending.

Lake Mohawk, N. Y., May 18.—Three hundred of the best representatives of the universal peace movement in America met here today for the opening of the conference on international arbitration. The meetings will continue through Friday. Albert L. Smiley, L. D., the founder of the conference, presided. It is expected that William Jennings Bryan will address the gathering Friday.

INTERVIEW WITH KING

Of Half an Hour—Col. and Mrs. Roose-
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London, May 18.—Col. Roosevelt and his wife called upon King George at Marlborough today and had an interview of half an hour.

The Randolph high school team arrived in town this afternoon and will line up against Spaulding high at 3:45. The game will be played at Ranger's field.

FIRE SWEEP
UNCHECKED\$65,000 Loss Sustained in
Salisbury Today

CAUSE OF FIRE UNKNOWN

Two Stores, New House, Railroad Depot
and Freight Station and Two
Freight Cars Destroyed—No
Fire Apparatus in Village.

Middlebury, May 18.—A fire loss of over \$65,000 was sustained in Salisbury today, in a fire which started in the store of Judge Frank C. Dyer and destroyed that, together with the Page feed store and grist mill, a new two-story house belonging to Mr. Page, the Rutland railroad depot and freight station and two freight cars, filled with paper. All the post office fixtures, mail and pouches, which were in the Dyer store, were destroyed also.

The losses are estimated as follows: Judge Frank C. Dyer, \$25,000. Mr. Page, \$25,000. Rutland railroad, \$15,000. Post office loss, not known.

The fire was discovered in the Dyer store at about three o'clock by William Demond, a clerk in the store, who was sleeping in the building. He was awakened by the smell of smoke and he thinks also that he heard an explosion. As the post office was located in the store, it is possible that the place was being robbed by burglars. The flames spread with great rapidity, and as there was absolutely nothing with which to fight the fire, the building was soon doomed. From that the fire jumped to the Page and the Rutland railroad property very quickly, and they were soon in ruins, together with most of their contents, as well as two freight cars, which were placed on a siding.

The Montreal sleeper was held up at this place for several hours by the fire. The villagers had to let the fire burn itself out. The Dyer store, where the fire started, was of general merchandise. Salisbury is located six miles from Middlebury.

\$3,000 FIRE AT CHARLOTTE.

Whole Village Was Threatened With De-
struction.

Charlotte, May 18.—The horse barn and ice house of Stanton Williams, the barn and blacksmith shop of L. L. Deshotel and the barn of Mrs. S. G. Deshotel at Charlotte four corners were burned to the ground yesterday afternoon in a fire that for some time threatened the destruction of the entire village. The origin is unknown. The loss is under \$3,000.

The fire started at four o'clock, either in the Deshotel or Brush barn, which were situated close together. When discovered both structures were afire and the blaze was beyond control. The Deshotel blacksmith shop caught next and from this structure the fire was communicated to the postoffice roof. About this time F. R. and R. H. Smith arrived on the scene with two powerful spray pumps and the postoffice was saved by this improvised fire fighting apparatus.

The strong south wind carried the burning embers for a long distance and the large horse barn of Stanton Williams was ignited in this manner. The horses and buggies were saved but the barn was reduced to ashes in a short time.

The residence of Mrs. D. D. Dalton was afire on the roof at one time but this blaze was extinguished before a great amount of damage was done. The flying sparks also ignited a laprobe in W. W. Higbee's barn but this was promptly put out. The residence of Mrs. Joseph Ramsey was in danger because of its close proximity and here a constant stream of water from a well was played on the building with good effect.

Almost as soon as the fire was discovered a general telephone alarm was sent out and to the prompt response is due the salvation of the village.

MANY DENTISTS PRESENT

To Attend Annual Convention of Twin-
State Societies.

Rutland, May 18.—With over 225 dental men and their wives here, the joint annual convention of the Vermont and New Hampshire State Dental societies, which opened in this city last night, is in full swing today. There is a program which will keep the visitors busy until Friday noon, a junketing expedition to Lake Bomoseen to-morrow being one of the features.

The speakers to-day were Dr. Leon S. Hedalia of Boston on "The Importance of Early Diagnosis of Certain Diseases"; Dr. F. S. Belyea of Brookline, Mass., on "The Human Face, from the Dentist's Standpoint"; Dr. F. H. Brown of Lebanon, N. H., "Artificial False Teeth"; Dr. R. M. Chase of Bethel, Dr. David Manson of Burlington, Dr. L. E. Mellen of Middlebury and Dr. H. Burbridge of Woodstock took part in the discussions. Most of the afternoon is to be devoted to luncheon. There are 20 exhibitions here. Dr. C. J. Grimes of Baltimore, Md., Dr. J. B. Jackson of Burlington and Dr. J. A. Bagin of Ormstown, P. Q., are the speakers this evening.

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A. E. KING SLATED
FOR GRAND PATRIARCHGrand Encampment of I. O. O. F. Opened
To-day in Burlington—Officers All
Present But One—1,885 Mem-
bers, a Gain of 34.

Burlington, May 18.—The fortieth annual session of the grand encampment of Odd Fellows opened here today with a good attendance, grand patriarch Oliver Harwood of Bennington presiding. All the officers were present, except the grand high priest, A. W. Rost of Brattleboro. There are 1,885 members, with thirty-three encampments in the state, a gain of 34 members. A. E. King of Burlington, grand senior warden, is slated for election as grand patriarch this afternoon. The reports of the officers show an excellent condition of the encampment.

The following officers were elected by the department council, Patriarchs: Millard, yesterday: President, W. T. Haigh of Brattleboro; vice president, F. W. Jackson of Barre; secretary, W. J. Cain of Brattleboro; treasurer, C. G. Staples of Brattleboro; chaplain, Capt. C. E. Dodge of Rutland; officer of the day, Capt. J. O. Bess of Rutland; officer of the guard, Chev. F. E. Morton of St. Albans; aide, Capt. C. G. McGaffey of Burlington; sentinel, Lieut. Capt. J. A. Long of Barre; picket, Lieut. H. H. Somers, Jr., of St. Johnsbury.

Canton Palestine of Brattleboro won the first prize of \$25 in the competitive drill yesterday afternoon, with a percentage of 93.4. Canton Rutland of Rutland took second prize of \$15, with a percentage of 90.9. Canton Vinton of Barre won third prize of \$10, with a percentage of 88.9.

The cantons marched in the following order: Canton Lafayette, No. 1, of Brattleboro; Canton Crescent, No. 2, of St. Johnsbury; Canton Palestine, No. 3, of Brattleboro; Canton Bennington, No. 4, of Bennington; Canton Buena Vista, No. 5, of Windsor; Canton Rutland, No. 6, of Rutland; Canton Vinton, No. 9, of Barre; Canton Franklin, No. 10, of St. Albans; Canton Siddichawag, No. 11, of Bellows Falls; Canton Woodstock, No. 12, of Woodstock.

Colonel W. T. Haigh officiated last evening at the conferring of the grand decoration of civility on Colonel E. A. Spear of Woodstock. Colonel Spear in turn conferred the decoration of civility on the following persons: Captain J. O. Bess, Canton Rutland; Major A. J. Tanney, Canton Franklin; Lieut. S. A. Capron, Canton Rutland; Mrs. Louise L. Boyce, secretary, Rebekah assembly, Bright Star lodge; Mrs. Minnie E. Dandrew, P. N. G., Beatrice lodge, Bennington; Mrs. H. S. Hands, Colonel Spear received his decoration for faithful and efficient service as a department commander.

Canton Lafayette of Burlington performed the door work during the ceremony of decoration, which lasted from about 7:30 until nine o'clock. The staff was assisted in the ceremony by Mrs. Hattie Hackett, Mrs. Helen Bliss, Miss Frances Gill and Miss E. Severance, all of Burlington. Little Miss Keeler, also of this city, took part. Miss Mamie Holmes sang parts of the ceremony. The hall was held in the large hall on the lower floor of the armory. Lessor's orchestra furnished music and the catering was done by Kent. There were over 600 persons present. The floor managers were: R. C. Smith, Harry Safford, H. H. Somers, W. N. Frost, W. E. Coon, C. A. Kavanagh. The introductory committee was composed of Captain E. G. Hamilton, D. V. Stone, H. A. Morse, J. O. Bess, T. J. Guerin, L. A. Loubleday.

MILITARY BAND GAVE RECEPTION

To Their Leader, Charles Perry, and Wife
Last Night in Plainfield.

Plainfield, May 18.—A large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the I. O. O. F. hall last evening to participate in a reception given by the Plainfield military band in honor of their popular leader, Charles Perry, and Mrs. Perry. An interesting and enjoyable program was given, consisting of a selection by the band, songs by the male quartet and instrumental music. Rev. Perrin B. Flek, in his interesting way, presented Mr. and Mrs. Perry a handsome chair, the gift of the band boys. In behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Rev. A. W. Hewitt gave the response, in his usual and pleasant manner. Mr. and Mrs. Perry were also presented a purse of money and other gifts from their friends and neighbors. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served in the dining hall. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have the hearty good wishes of all for a happy and prosperous future.

RIVERTON, NOT WEST BERLIN.

Petition of Over 90 Per Cent. of Citi-
zens Asks Change of Name.

The station now known as West Berlin is to be called Riverton, beginning June 19. The Central Vermont railway has issued a circular, approving the name and this action is the result of a petition issued by the citizens of that place, which was signed by over 90 per cent. of them. The station has only recently been opened as a billing point, with a ticket office and agent in charge, and the citizens felt that with the change of name would come improved passenger and freight service. A petition for changing the name of the post office also to Riverton is before the authorities at Washington and this will probably be done when or before the railroad's order is effective, June 19.

BURLINGTON PREPARES

For State Convention of Ancient Order
of Hibernians.

Burlington, May 18.—The members of Burlington division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, met last night to perfect plans for the third annual state convention to be held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 16 and 17. The state convention for the auxiliary members to this order will also be held at this time. Besides numerous delegates, it is expected that many members of the order will be present from different parts of the state. A speaker of national reputation will be present on one of the days.

On Tuesday there will be a mass at St. Mary's cathedral and a boat ride on Lake Champlain. On Wednesday there will be business meetings and in the evening the convention will close with a grand ball.

MORE SALARY
GRANTED HIMHealth Officer M. D. Lamb
Gets \$20 a Month

BY VOTE OF CITY COUNCIL

The Members Discuss Sewers for an
Hour and a Half and Do Not
Come to Any Conclusion.
Other Business.

The chief business concluded by the city council last night was the raising of the health officer's salary from \$15 a month to \$20, although that was by no means the matter which took up the most attention. The question of sewers was argued for an hour and a half, starting from the proposition to connect Edgewood with the system, and at the end the council was around to where it started. The committee of the whole had recommended that the sewer be laid. In March, the petition for a sewer extension was first presented, and an investigation by the street committee was made and they reported that they would not recommend granting the request at this time. Furthermore, the committee stated in their report that they did not believe that Camp street was the right way to "sewer" Edgewood; that it should be by Tremont street or Currier street, and another objection to the C-street route was that there was not sufficient grade and the sewer on Camp street was not large enough to carry the sewage from all of that territory, after it had been built up to any extent. This report of the street committee was accepted by vote of the council at that time.

Three weeks ago, the residents of Edgewood again petitioned the council to extend the sewer, and the matter was referred to a committee of the whole to investigate and report. They reported last evening that they found the conditions at Edgewood were very unsanitary; that the sewage was run out onto the ground and stayed there, and they would recommend that the Camp street sewer be extended.

In order to act on this report, Alderman Thurston said that it would be necessary to take a vote to suspend the rules, as they were taking up a matter that has already been disposed of once. Alderman Hoyt then made a motion that the rules be suspended, and in a vote, being taken the